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APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 184 asked by Sri P. Veerabhadraswami at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th December 1947, page 137 supra.]

(a) There is only one paper mill in the Presidency, namely, the Andhra Paper Mills Company, Limited, Rajahmundry.

(b) *Capital of the company*—

	RS.	RS.
Authorized capital—		
Ordinary shares of Rs. 100 each	20,000	20.00,000
Preference shares cumulative 100 each ..	3,000	3,00,000
Subscribed capital—		
9,451 ordinary shares	9,45,100	10,61,300
1,162 Preference cumulative shares, 6 per cent.	1,16,200	
First mortgage debentures	6,00,000	
Interest thereon accrued	3,13,877	
Second mortgage debentures	5,00,000	
Interest thereon accrued	1,05,000	15,18,877

(c) Paper imported into Madras Province from 1st January 1947 to 30th September 1947—

	RS.
(1) Abroad	97,35,794
(2) Other Provinces	30,66,560

(d) The Government have no proposals to start any paper mills. Proposals from private persons or companies will be considered on their merits.

(e) *Hand-made paper industry.*—Total quantity of paper made during the last four years in the hand-made paper institutions of the Government is about 87½ tons of paper and boards valued roughly at Rs. 1,20,940. It is calculated that about 80 tons of paper and boards have been produced by the other hand-made paper units in the Province.

(f) The development of hand-made paper industry is being fostered by the Government in the following manner.—

(1) *Demonstration parties* tour in the districts assisting the public in the methods of manufacture of hand-made paper.

(2) *Three Government units* were set up in Bezwada (Kistna district), Gazulapalli (Kurnool district) and Bugga (Cuddapah district) to manufacture hand made paper on a large scale and also to serve as training units in the manufacture of hand-made paper.

(3) *Hand-made paper units* have been established in the following jails; The Penitentiary, Madras; Central Jails at Coimbatore, Madura, Palamcottah and Salem.

(4) Government are arranging to conduct teaching classes in the paper manufacture as a short-term course for teachers recommended by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, in the following centres in the Province :—

Rajahmundry, Bezwada. Cuddapah, Madras, Tanjore, Madura and two other centres are under consideration.